



# Bristol Bay Native Corporation

*Enriching Our Native Way of Life*

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## RESOLUTION 09 - 41

### RESOURCE PROTECTION POLICY

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Bristol Bay Native Corporation (BBNC) is committed to the protection and responsible care for the resources of the Bristol Bay Region; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bristol Bay watershed produces the largest run of sockeye salmon in the world and is the last pristine environment for producing all species of Pacific wild salmon; and

**WHEREAS**, the people of Bristol Bay have cultural ties to the land and subsistence activities and access to those resources are deemed the highest priority use of resources in the Bristol Bay region; and

**WHEREAS**, commercial fishing has historically provided a sustainable economy in the Bristol Bay region and the State of Alaska for the last 126 years;

**WHEREAS**, the Board of BBNC is aware that the Pebble Mine Project represents potential catastrophic risks to our Native way of life including the cultural, ecological, subsistence and economic use of resources in Bristol Bay; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to protect the approximately three million acres of BBNC lands and the BBNC shareholder way of life for current and future generations, BBNC must do its part to protect sustainable resources of the region

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of BBNC has determined that it is no longer in the corporation's best interest to continue its neutral stance on the Pebble Mine Project;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of BBNC opposes the development of the Pebble Mine given the unquantifiable impacts the Mine could have on the resources of the Bristol Bay region and BBNC;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that BBNC management will continue to proactively monitor the Pebble Mine Project while working with appropriate organizations and agencies to further develop plans that protect the resources of the Bristol Bay region.

**ADOPTED** this 11<sup>th</sup> day of December 2009 at Anchorage, AK.

Joseph L. Chythlook, Chairman

April Ferguson, Secretary